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*becoming in Christ*  
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## From the Editor

We will take a break from our Newsletter for the months of July and August and when we return, the September issue will have a new name and a slightly different look. Bill and I want the Newsletter to be relevant and interesting, so we invite your comments and suggestions to make it more so. We also ask you to volunteer articles. We are particularly interested in submissions from our young people and from our Portuguese brothers and sisters. We thank our regular contributors – you know who you are, and we also thank you for your encouragement over the past year or so.

In this issue we get an update from Moe Anderson on the plans for the 60th Anniversary celebrations, as well as the current state of several of our ministries: Youth Ministry, ESL, Prayer Shawl Ministry etc. We are also updated by our Finance Board on the Fundraiser for the 60th Anniversary celebrations and on our regular financial status.

Bill and I wish you all a safe and happy Summer and look forward in the Fall to keeping you informed of what is happening “*Inside Central*”

*Yours in Christ!*

*Errol Anderson*



## June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>Wednesday June 5,</b>			1
			7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Primary Source			
			7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Youth Group			
			<b>Sunday June 9,</b>			8
			11:30 a.m. – Training and Awareness Session for all employees and Youth and Children Volunteers			
			<b>Thursday to Saturday June 13 – 15,</b>			15
			CBOQ Convention			
			<b>Wednesday, June 19,</b>			
			12:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry			
			<b>Sunday June 23,</b>			22
			10:00 a.m. – Sunday School Promotion Sunday (Combined Service)			
			<b>Sunday July 28,</b>			29
			10:00 a.m. – Church Picnic & Baptismal Service at Christie Lake			
<p><b>For complete listing please visit</b>  <a href="http://www.cbcoakville.ca/calendar.html">www.cbcoakville.ca/calendar.html</a></p>						

## To our visitors. Welcome to the joy of worship and the warmth of our congregation!

If you are searching for a local church home, we invite you to make your home with us. If you are a newcomer, please include your name, address, e-mail address and telephone number on the Contact Cards. We're glad you're here! We encourage you to feel free to participate in any church activities you read about in this bulletin.

If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.

## Summertime – A Season of Prayer

*“While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”*

- Acts 13:2-3 (NIV11)



### Michel's musings

On May 26, 2013, the people of Central Oakville gathered to set apart members of our congregation to lead them as church officers, deacons, board and committee members. As well, the church membership approved job descriptions for a part-time (8-10 hrs/wk) Director of Music and a half-time Youth & Family Pastor. The search committee will now begin the difficult task of seeking out the two individuals that God is, even now, preparing for ministry among us.

However, as we proceed we must be careful not to treat these positions as “jobs” to be filled but rather as callings which will “set apart” two gifted ministers of Jesus Christ to serve and lead among us. Our search committees are not trying to “choose” the right people but rather “discern” God’s will for us as Christ’s church in this place. For this to happen, the members of both search committees will need our prayers and thus we must all treat this summer as a season of prayer.

And thus I would ask us all to pray for our search committee members by name, that they might through prayer and deliberation, discern God’s voice and be drawn by the Holy Spirit to the individuals God has “set apart” for us.

Pray for the members of the Music Director Search Committee: Suzanne, Virginia, Ana Paula S, Marianne, Diné, and Michel.

Pray for the members of the Youth & Family Pastoral Search Committee: Ian, Artur, Mario, Francisco B, Carolyn A, Ruth, Kathy, Dwight, Diné, and Michel.

Peace

Pastor Michel

## May in Review

*a look at the past month at Central*

### Sunday May 05

The Lord's Supper (Luke 10:1-12)  
“Becoming Missional”

### Sunday May 12

Mothers Day (Mark 5:21-34) Becoming Whole – the last in the series “Becoming.”

### Sunday May 19

Pentecost Sunday (James 1:1-18) The service commenced with the Scripture being read in different languages – English, French, Mandarin, Spanish and Portuguese. “Perseverance” was the theme of the Sermon.

### Sunday May 26:

Trinity Sunday (James 1:19-27)

## 60th Anniversary Committee

*Your Anniversary Committee is busy making plans to celebrate 60 years of ministry and community in Oakville. We hope that you will set aside the evening of Saturday, November 16th for an evening of fun and entertainment and presentation in both languages. On Sunday, November 17th we will have our Anniversary Service where we will welcome back Rev. Richard Root to our pulpit as our guest speaker. Following the service we will have a time of fellowship. Mark the dates on your calendar. More details to follow in the next edition and in upcoming bulletins.*

Moe Anderson & Marcy Scott  
Co-Chairs

# YOUTH CENTRAL

Youth Ministries at Central has been one of the most challenging yet exciting ministries that I've had the privilege of being part of. I praise the Lord for the few months of volunteering at Central. I thank Him for those whom I've met along the way and for faithful volunteers who together join hand in hand.

Youth Meetings contains events such as Talent Shows, Rollerblading, Spring Retreat, Sports and much more but the focus of our meeting is not simply "having fun." The utmost focus is to get in the Word and increase youth passion for Christ and for His Word. I love the verse in II Timothy 2:22 *"Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* This is what we pursue when we meet for Youth. We block all else in the world around us we seek Christ I think it goes well with the verse in II Timothy 2:15 *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."* Both these verses combined I would say is the heart of our youth. This is the goal of our meetings,

**Meeting Rundown** – Throughout our meetings we have announcements, time of praise and worship songs, Bible study or small groups, and fun activity that might be sports, games, servicing our community and activities such as these. They are filled with time to mingle and getting to know one another. There is no division in our meetings as to who is from the English or Portuguese congregation. It is simply one church getting together and having fellowship on youth time. Our meetings have been blessed with non-church comers who are non-believers. Therefore, one of our focuses is to introduce Christ to these and as much as possible introduce them to the corporate worship held on Sundays.

There are some challenges that we face as we continue to service in this ministry and we count on

your prayers. First, holding the Youth meeting on a night that is convenient for all the youth, specifically convenient for those whom attend Central Baptist, and secondly, merging the non-church comer to our corporate worship. Thirdly, and most importantly, taking the non-believer to faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

As we continue to press on in this ministry we aim for building a ministry where the heart of the ministry is lead by the youth and not by leaders. What I mean by is that, the volunteers are support to the ministry and not what makes the ministry happen. We urge to see our youth all the more involved and interested in this ministry. Involved to an extent where they are doing the announcement, leading the worship team, sharing, leading the activities and we are the backup, a mentoring team, yet on board at all times supervising this youth leadership team. I believe this is a whole other topic and possibly one for another newsletter. The more the volunteers pray and talk about the future of Youth Ministries the more we are convinced that our youth need to be more hands on using their spiritual gifts and talents in this ministry.

Central Baptist Church, we count on your prayers. This is a ministry that is close to God's heart and close to ours and we thank you for all your prayers and support.

## **Youth Central**

**Who:** Youth from Grades 6-12

**When:** Wednesday Night at 7:30-9:00pm

**Where:** Central Baptist/ Church Balcony

In His Love,

*Jacklyn Caveden*

## Four Month Financial Update Report To End Of April, 2013

As we prepare for our well deserved Summer vacation period, it is appropriate to review the Church's Financial condition, in the same careful and intense manner as we plan and review our vacation requirements.

**First a few facts:**

Our overall budget is ..... \$350,091  
 To meet this we need total monthly revenues of ..... \$ 29,174  
 or weekly revenues of..... \$ 6,733

*How are we doing? This is tabulated below:*

**Four Months to end of April 2013**

	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)
General Offerings.....	\$ 94,831	\$105,530	(\$10,699)
Other Income (Rentals).....	\$ 15,122	\$ 11,167	\$ 3,955
Total Revenue.....	\$109,953	\$116,697	(\$ 6,744)
-REVENUE REQUIRED monthly to reach budget .....			\$ 29,174
-AVERAGE MONTHLY REVENUE first 4 months of 2013 .....			\$ 27,488
AVERAGE MONTHLY SHORTFALL .....			\$ 1,686
AVERAGE WEEKLY SHORTFALL .....			\$ 422

At this time last year, we had received \$113,600 toward a revenue budget of \$119,500, for an unfavourable variance of \$5,800 (4.9% of budget). This year, we have received \$110,000 toward a revenue budget of \$116,700 resulting in an unfavourable variance of \$6,700 (5.7% of budget).

**GENERAL OFFERINGS ARE \$12,000 LESS THAN LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME.**

In actual fact, despite the numbers noted above, we are not doing too badly. We traditionally fall below budget in the first 3 months of the year, stay about even over the Summer and pick up the slack towards the end of the year.

We hope and pray that this trend will continue. However, as you prepare your Summer activity plans, we hope it will incorporate a mechanism for your Church Offerings to be kept current so the ongoing financial needs of the Church can be maintained in a healthy manner.

Enjoy the Summer. You have earned the break. May God be with you and yours as you travel and visit family and friends, in places both near and far.

*Your Finance Board.*

# MISSION moment

The conflict in Syria continues to cause major humanitarian crises in the region, including Lebanon, where refugees currently constitute more than 20% of the population. Please pray for the churches to be able to cope with the situation as they learn firsthand how to engage in integral mission. Pray too that God will continue to guide the churches into effective ministry despite the difficult circumstances.

# YOUTH CENTRAL

O ministério da Juventude Central tem sido um dos maiores e melhores desafios na minha vida em termos de ministério. Louvo ao Senhor nesses poucos meses que venho trabalhando como voluntária aqui na Igreja. Também louvo ao Senhor por todas as pessoas que venho conhecendo no decorrer desse trabalho e pelas pessoas com quem tenho trabalho.

Nossos encontros incluem Noite de Talento, Patinação, Retiros Espirituais, Esportes, e muitas outras atividades como essas. Porém o foco em nossos encontros não são para diversão e sim para um Encontro com Deus, e encontro com a Palavra. O objetivo dos nossos encontros é muito mais do que simplesmente entreter ou trazer diversão para os jovens. Temos buscado introduzir mais a Palavra de Deus e com isso aumentar mais a paixão da juventude para Cristo e para Sua Palavra. Amo o versículo em II Timóteo 2:22 que diz *“Foge também das paixões da mocidade, e segue a justiça, a fé, o amor, a paz com os que, de coração puro, invocam o Senhor.”* E isso que temos procurado seguir em nossos encontros. Procuramos bloquear tudo que nos distrai e que nos impede de estarmos ali simplesmente vivendo um momento de comunhão e adoração. E também seguimos aquilo que diz em II Timóteo 2:15 *“Procura apresentar-te diante de Deus aprovado, como obreiro que não tem de que se envergonhar, que maneja bem a palavra da verdade.”* Procuramos isso porque sabemos a importância das escrituras em nossas vidas e o seu poder. Ambos versículos diria que é o coração dos nossos encontros.

**Agenda de nossos encontros** – Procuramos começar nossos encontros com anúncios, seguido por um momento de louvor e adoração, estudo da palavra em forma de mensagem, testemunho, pequenos grupos, finalizando com atividades do tipo esportes, jogos, serviço a comunidade e coisas do tipo. Nossos encontros são repletos de convívio. Não temos diferença entre aqueles de língua portuguesa ou Inglesa. Somos uma Igreja com um único motivo de crescermos juntos em Cristo num momento de juventude. Temos sido

abençoados com juventude que não são da Igreja e que não são convertidos. Por isso o nosso alvo maior é apresentar Jesus a esses que ainda não tem o Senhor como o Senhor de suas vidas e Rei. Procuramos com o tempo trazê-los para os cultos aos Domingos.

Encontramos também desafios nesse ministério e contamos com as orações de nossa Igreja. Temos o desafio de encontrar um melhor dia para todos os jovens se encontrar. Alguns da juventude de nossa Igreja não tem a quarta-feira como o melhor dia. Temos o desafio de trazer esses que não são da Igreja para o convívio da Igreja local. Temos o desafio de trazer todos os que não são convertidos para salvação em Cristo.

Desejamos no decorrer dos próximos meses, desafiar a juventude a tomar a liderança. Os próprios jovens estariam a frente desse ministério, trazendo os anúncios, dirigindo o momento de adoração, eventualmente trazendo as mensagens e momento de estudo da Palavra e até mesmo o momento de diversão. Já começamos a treiná-los e fazer isso. Já temos uma pessoa entre a juventude que está trazendo os anúncios e na próxima quarta-feira um deles estará trazendo o estudo, e outro o momento de diversão. A liderança estará sempre supervisionando e passando treinamento e liderança. Ao orarmos entendemos que a juventude tomando a liderança seria a forma natural e mais saudável de crescimento espiritual dos jovens. Fazendo isso eles estariam exercitando os dons e talentos espiritual que Deus os tem dado.

Igreja Batista Central contamos com suas orações.

## **Juventude Central**

**Quem:** Juventude das Series 6-12

**Quando:** Quarta-Feira a noite das 19:30-21:00 horas

**Onde:** Na Galeria da Igreja Batista Central

No Amor de Cristo,

*Jacklyn Caveden*



## From the church council

Ah, the beauty of spring! The air smells fresh, the grass becomes green and lush, flowers bloom, leaves blossom. We see the glory of God's creation renewed and refreshed. It has a positive impact on how we feel about life.

As part of his spring sermon series, Michel has been preaching about the "Great Commission", urging each of us to go forth and spread the Good News about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are commissioned by Jesus to be His disciples, and to live our lives accordingly. Our ministry outside the walls of Central can be just as important, if not more so, than the ministry that takes place inside our church.

If we live our lives in accordance with God's will, and let that be our guiding principle, we have an opportunity to positively impact our friends and neighbours and co-workers without dragging them to church kicking and screaming! The possibility of planting a seed of curiosity exists, whereby with some nurturing, they might begin expressing an interest in our Christian faith and beliefs. If this opens the door to a conversation about Jesus, you never know where it might lead.

By the time you are reading this article, we

will have had our church meeting on Sunday, May 26. One of the critical items on the agenda for that meeting was the presentation from the Search Committee of their recommendation for the newly drafted position of Children's and Youth Leader. The committee members recommended that the position be half time, rather than full time. It was felt that a re-boot of that particular ministry was necessary, to get things back on track.

This does not demean nor diminish the critical importance of our children and youth. Quite the contrary! The committee felt that by re-focusing our ministry towards the needs of our children and youth, we could create a solid foundation from which to build upon going forward. If the right individual takes the reins of that ministry and is able to help it flourish and grow, the possibility exists to expand the position to  $\frac{3}{4}$  or even full time in the future.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as the Search Committee now moves on to the vital step of seeking out the right candidate for the position. We will continue to keep you updated as the process moves on to the next step.

Yours in Christ,

*Ian Hallford, Chair, Church Council*

## Highlights from Board of Ministry and Outreach

- Out of the \$14,000 remaining surplus for 2012 which is dispersed by the Board; the decision was made to send \$4,000 to support the work at a children's camp in Terceira Island- Azores. This decision came out of a conversation Pastor Dine had with the camp director and a video submission watched by those present at our May meeting. We continue to deliberate the dispersal of remaining surplus funds.
- The Board decided to give honorariums, with letters of appreciation, to both Virginia Fletcher and Suzanne Houser for their ongoing musical ministry in our midst.
- Plans were discussed for the Board Retreat,

September 28th, at Pastor Michel's home. It is hoped that along with relationship building, as we begin a new year with deacons "old and new", that we will also do some goal setting.

- The Deacons' Care Lists are being revised in preparation for the Fall Season; hopefully to make that ministry more effective.
- Central Baptist is hoping to collaborate with several other churches in the area to provide an information/welcome package for residents of the new development currently being built in our area.

*Rev. Pat Nowlan*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

We held our first prayer shawl meeting in November with 10 ladies attending, eager to begin this new ministry. We have met once a month ever since without attendance reaching 12 one month. We all are having a wonderful time of fellowship together, never forgetting we are knitting for God's glory. Our last meeting till we break for the summer is June 19.

We invite all ladies interested in this ministry to join us at 12:00 noon.

During the June communion service we will have another number of shawls blessed to make them ready to be given out. To date 28 shawls have been given out. The following people have received a shawl, given by a member of the group. Each shawl was warmly and gratefully received.

Sophia Bento	Kathy Waldron
Dorothy Barnard	Agnes Farr
Rita Bento	Mary McPherson
Marion Haddow	Ivan Mavrinc
Helen Buchanan	Eulelia Rocha
Joan W	Irene Whalley
Sue MacLeod	Phyllis Munroe
Asta Willik	Aileen McGaw
Joan Smith	Billie Carroll
Celeste Vieira Nurus	Connie Fawcett
Edna Hadley	Ed Austin
Maureen Eckert	Helen Jacobi
Marion Austin	Ruth Lawrence
Velda Clifton	Grace Collett

If anyone knows of someone who needs to be touched by God's love in this special way, please let me or another Knitter know and we will gladly see them taken care of.

As we look towards September, lets us give thanks for the opportunity for serving in this unique manner.

Ellen Kaye



## SPECIAL PRAYERS

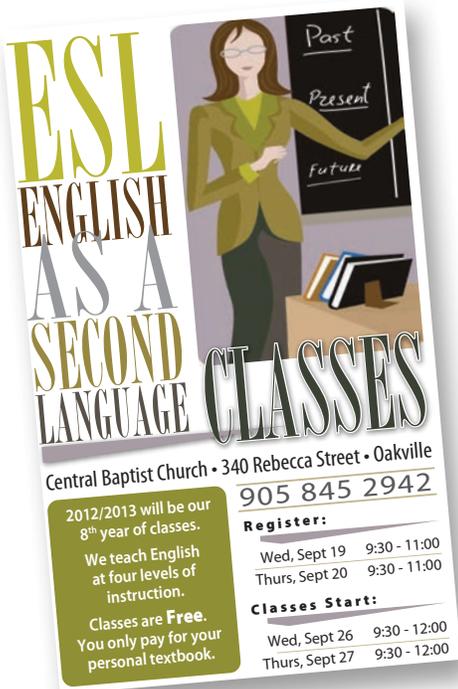


“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours”

Mark 11:24

Let us remember our brothers & sisters in our prayers especially:

- Kathy Waldron, Helen and family, as they continue to deal with Kathy's health issues.
- Our Search committees
- Christy Laing's Vision
- Sue McLeod who is in hospital after a fall.
- Joan Wilson as she recovers at home
- Pray for each member of the Music Director Search Committee that each might be at one with Christ in discerning who God has chosen for us: Suzanne, Virginia, Ana Paula S, Marianne, Diné, and Michel.
- Pray for each member of the Children, Youth & Family Pastoral Search Committee that each might be attentive to God's counsel as they seek the person God has set apart for us: Ian, Artur Jose, Mario, Francisco, Carolyn A, Ruth, Kathy, Dwight, Diné, and Michel.
- Pray for our church delegates (Pastor Diné, Errol, George) who will be representing Central Oakville at the Canadian Baptist of Ontario & Quebec's 125th Assembly to be held from June 13-15, 2013 in Toronto. Prayer that they might speak and vote in a manner consistent with God's will as they are led by the Holy Spirit. Also hold up Pastor Michel in prayer as he fulfills his duties as 2nd Vice President of the CBOQ at Assembly.



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2012/2013 will be our 8<sup>th</sup> year of classes. We teach English at four levels of instruction. Classes are **Free**. You only pay for your personal textbook.

**Register:**  
Wed, Sept 19 9:30 - 11:00  
Thurs, Sept 20 9:30 - 11:00

**Classes Start:**  
Wed, Sept 26 9:30 - 12:00  
Thurs, Sept 27 9:30 - 12:00



**“It’s one of the best things we do at Central,”** declared Ann Laing a few years ago, and all of the teachers agree. We hope the students do as well. Every Wednesday and Thursday morning, from late September to early June, they gather from South Korea, China, Japan, Spain and Brazil eager to learn English. Nine teachers, Betty Houser, Ann Laing, Joe Cooke, Helen Hahn, Bee Cooke, Jean Little, Audrey Caldwell, Paula Goodman and Jack Anderson work hard to prepare appropriate lessons which always include Bible passages.

The students are enthusiastic and participate at different levels. They are moved ahead when they are ready for more challenging work. The teachers are also challenged not only to teach the English language but also to help the newcomers adjust to a new country and culture.

Every year is different but there are students who come back year after year, so we must be doing something right! God has blessed this endeavour abundantly.

*Bee Cooke*

# ESL

## Observations

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### **Paula Goodman and Jack Anderson teach our entry-level English class.**

In March, Paula relayed this message to Jack Anderson, her Thursday counterpart:

“One of our Class 1 students left us in January to take classes at Link.

She returned for a ‘visit’ today, as she was going out with several of our ‘girls’ afterwards.

She had brought with her 4 or 5 bible passages, some long, all Easter related. We spent the entire time prior to break discussing these. I wished you had been her teacher today as I couldn’t answer all of her questions, but I did my best. I hadn’t known when we had this student before that she wasn’t a Christian. Today

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she made it very clear that one year ago she believed nothing from the Bible, but taking our classes and doing the readings and making Christian friends in our classes, and then watching the manner of all the teachers, she has decided there is something to it. She says she is close to believing.

And that is what it's all about.

Also our visiting student talked a fair amount about this 'sharing of time' which I figured out meant volunteering. She couldn't believe that there's a group of people who come into the church to teach English every week, and don't get paid. This is not common in Korea. She says that when she returns to Korea she will be a woman with a new heart, and will look for some place she can share her time. What a morning, a couple of times I was almost in tears, This is such a precious lady!"

**This past Wednesday and Thursday, May 15th and 16th, we asked our four classes to comment on their ESL experiences.**

*"I'm newcomer for three weeks, learning English. I think I getting better when I speak English. Teacher tells me how pronounce and corrects. We need help with pronunciation."*

*"I feel is good experience, meet different people. Good to have Canadian teacher, learning language correctly."*

*"Best opportunity for reading about the Bible in English, also share culture with others."*

*"Challenge we have here, to stay on same page (of the study book). Some people come every week and others not. Gift for us to have Canadian church to attend the class. Respect this church and the people for that."*

*"I like hearing other countries' cultures."*

*"A way not to be rushed (in learning), a good way."*

*"With new culture, start meeting together to talk and pray. Refresh mind with God's words."*

*"I really appreciate this church because the teachers offer us study. I'm always thankful. I really respect my church teachers. I want to follow my teacher's mind – have good heart for teaching."*

*"Having different cultures together, tend to learn more about each other – more interesting. When I listen, my antennae go up!"*

*"I have to return to Korea at the end of July, for one year. Then come back one year. Hope to come to our classes then." (This student has only been coming since February 2013)*

**And now from our "just as enthusiastic" occasional teachers:**

As substitute teachers, we tried to vary our approach as we felt led by the reaction from the class. We spent the first part of the lesson in the text book, having fun with conversations suggested by the stories there. After break – for which the ladies supplied the food - we got out our globe of the world and artifacts from our travels, and used them as a jumping off spot. Many had travelled extensively, and were eager to show us where they had been. This led, of course, to comparisons between their home land, the lands they had visited and Canada. We learned as much as they did in these sessions. Our ladies were intensely proud of their families and their accomplishments – in elementary and high school, in university and back in Korea where some were carrying on successfully in business. We feel just as proud of their advancements in our difficult-to-learn native tongue. Well done, ladies.

June and Warren McBurney

## Fifty Word Challenge

Last month, Pastor Michel challenged us to describe in 50 words or less "the uniqueness of our main auditorium (sanctuary) as an inspiring, contemplative, intimate worship space."

Here are our three contributions:

*"Enter through sunlit glass doors to be welcomed into a space of beauty and calm. While surrounded by warm cedar wood, comfortable cushioned chairs await your choice for seating. Take in the faces of those who greet you and the play of soft light through the windows."*

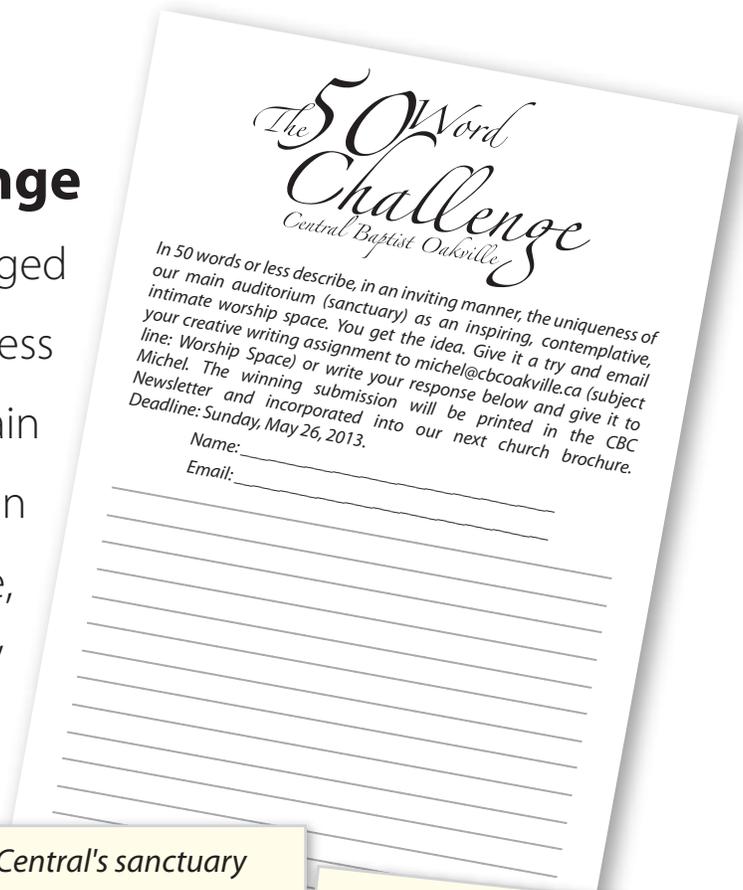
– Ann L.

*"Entering Central's sanctuary is a calming experience. The warm cedar walls, with three floor-to-ceiling stained glass windows, give a muted sense of God's presence in His house. Surrounded by other worshippers, the visitor is drawn into a quiet time of meeting God on friendly terms in that house."*

– Warren M.

*"Central's Sanctuary is a sheltering sacred space, because like Solomon's Temple, it is lined from floor to ceiling with cedar. In the Song of Songs, the Beloved, a symbol of the church, is fragrant with the Cedars of Lebanon. How fitting to gather in such a Holy Place."*

– Bee C.



Thank you Ann, Bee and Warren for your thoughtful contributions!

## Fund Raising Activity Report

It's time for a further update report on this important matter in the life of our Church. It is helpful if we go back to the beginning of this activity, to review the original objectives of the programme, and then to describe for you how well we are doing compared to original expectations.

But first, you need to be reminded of the CONGREGATIONAL FUND RAISING CHALLENGE that was presented to both congregations on Sunday, May 19th. An individual from one of the Ministries has committed to MATCH FUND, up to \$5,000 in new donations to the fundraiser, up to the end of June, 2013. That gives us just a little over a month to try to wrap up the fundraiser, if we all

“get at it” and give prayerfully and generously. It would be lovely to raise at least \$5,000 from each of the two Ministries during this period and hopefully push us over the top of this fund raising activity. Thank you for your continuing support to this important work in the life of your Church.

Now for the background and how we are doing. At the March Annual meeting of 2012 it was approved that the Church embark upon a common Portuguese and English Anniversary Fund Raiser, with a view to raising \$60,000 in celebration of the Church's 60th Anniversary with all funds so raised to be expended on designated capital property improvements. So, where are we?

Original Goal .....	\$60,000
Raised to date, including post dated cheques and pledges.....	\$43,800 (73%)
Balance still to raise to meet target .....	\$16,200

The major projects to be undertaken were:

- 1) Recovering 215 chairs in the Sanctuary. This has been completed and we now sit more comfortably.
- 2) Replacing the three sets of doors in the old and new Sanctuaries. This has been completed and has lightened up the interior of the Church amazingly.
- 3) Replacing eight to eleven of the original original basement windows in the Old Sanctuary, dated to 1953. At the time of this update, funds are on hand, quotes are being obtained and work should commence in the very near future.

And the final project for the fundraiser is: -

- 4) The major redecorating/refurbishing of the Foyer and Vestibule area, which project is expected to cost \$30/\$35,000, above our original expectation of \$23,000, but still expected to be achieved within the financial constraints of the Fundraiser, plus \$10,000 from our Surplus of 2012 which the Church approved at the March Annual General Meeting.

We are about ready to move on this final “Anniversary” project, but first we must see the balance of funds raised from fundraising activities. Hopefully, the Congregational Challenge will see this happen.

We have developed a small project team for this final phase of “revitalizing” our Foyer/Vestibule area, consisting of Don Hallford, Mary Ellen Belzile, Sonia Lopes, Darcy de Oliveira, Bill Goodbrand, Mario Rebelo and Dwight Nowlan. Their role will be to review and decide how we want this area of the Church to look for the foreseeable future and to ensure it is truly representative of the various viewpoints involved.

As at April 30th, 2013 of our “Fundraiser” goal of \$60,000; \$43,800 (73%) has been raised and /or pledged, and we are now most optimistic the remaining \$16,200 (hopefully more) can be raised by the end of June. We would like to see this project actually commenced towards the end of June, with a

goal to see it completed by the end of Summer – in time for our formal Anniversary “KICK- OFF” celebrations.

What a “Glorious” way to commence our Anniversary Celebration, a “new look” and a “Fresh Outlook.” Let's make this a celebration to be proud of.

Your Finance Committee members extend a sincere “Thank You” to those of you who have participated so generously, to date, in this “fundraiser” project. Much remains to be accomplished and we know that as needs dictate, you will remain supportive of our common endeavour, to “Keep God's House” in “Good Repair.”

We are hopeful this review and update report will be informative and uplifting as you read what has been accomplished in just a little over a year.

God Bless

*To His Praise and Glory*

*Your Finance Committee and the 60th Anniversary Fundraising Committee*